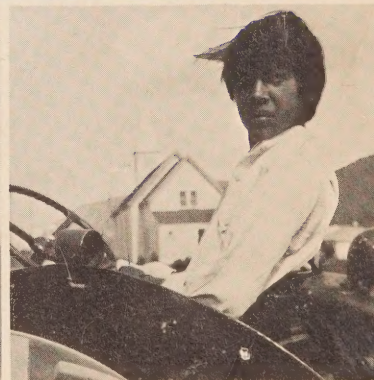


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Introduction

There are ten¹ linguistic groups of Indians in Canada — Algonkian, Iroquoian, Siouan, Athapaskan, Kootenayan, Salishan, Wakashan, Tsimshian, Haida and Tlingit. Each linguistic group is composed of a number of sub-groups speaking related languages or dialects. In some cases, dialects within a linguistic group may be so similar as to be more or less mutually intelligible. Siouan, Kootenayan, Haida and Tlingit are each represented by only one language in Canada.

Common linguistic affiliations between groups of Indians do not necessarily mean common cultural affiliations. Thus, the Blackfoot of the Plains and the Micmacs of the Maritimes are both classified linguistically as Algonkian but their traditional ways of life differed greatly. Again, the Coast Salish and Interior Salish Indians speak related languages or dialects yet their cultures were as different as the two distinct geographic regions they inhabit. In other instances, however, there is a parallel between the linguistic and cultural backgrounds of Indian groups, so much so that the designations given to linguistic and cultural areas are sometimes identical. This is seen in the case of the Iroquoians, and apart from the Blackfoot and Plains Cree, is applicable to the Algonkians.

A further case for consideration is found where several linguistic groups share much the same cultural background. This occurs on the Pacific Coast with the Salishan, Wakashan, Tsimshian and Haida peoples. It occurs again in the Interior Plateau which lies between the Rocky Mountains and the Pacific Coast Range in British Columbia and the Yukon. Here are found Kootenayans, Interior Salish, Athapaskans and Tlingits (Tagish), all sharing approximately the same traditional culture or at least having made similar adjustments to the environment. The well known Plains culture was shared by Siouans, Algonkians and by a few Athapaskans.

Although, as previously noted, the Athapaskan Indians are found in the Interior Plateau and on the Plains, they are also found throughout the Mackenzie River system. They are, in fact, the only linguistic group of Indians in this vast area where the traditional way of life differed little from band to band.

The sharing of culture by different linguistic groups, the adoption of more than one culture by a single linguistic group, and the existence of numerous languages or dialects within the same linguistic group, are understandable in the light of what probably took place in the history of aboriginal Canada. There can be little doubt that early arrivals in the various geographic regions of Canada were followed by other Indian peoples speaking different languages and bringing different cultures. As time went on, it appears that the borrowing of customs or cultural traits between two or more groups within a geographic region led to the development of a relatively common culture such as was found on the Pacific Coast or on the Plains. The environment itself also must have exercised some influence on this process at least insofar as the economy of the peoples was concerned.

Languages apparently were less susceptible than customs to borrowing within the Plains culture area at least during comparatively recent times. As a result, the different linguistic groups in this area maintained their languages while developing a common culture. This tendency to maintain language over culture, coupled with the fact of migration, could also explain the adoption of more than one culture by a single linguistic group such as the Athapaskans, the Algonkians or the Salishans.²

The explanation of the existence of numerous languages or dialects within a single linguistic group may be found in the process of linguistic change. It is known that, as the result of forces within itself, a language changes in numerous directions. Thus, where a language group splits into several fairly isolated communities, as so often happens with the Indians, each community may then develop its own variation of the original language, initially as a dialect and in time as another language. Providing the change has not been too far advanced the linguist can find a relationship between dialects or languages derived from the original tongue. It is on the basis of such relationships that the ten linguistic groups of Indians in Canada have been determined.

¹ The classification adopted here is according to Diamond Jenness in "The Indians of Canada" (see bibliography). While agreement is not unanimous among linguists on the exact number of Indian language families which can be listed for Canada, no languages are classified together in this paper whose relationships are not generally accepted by competent authorities.

² The Tagish who live in the Plateau culture area around Atlin and Teslin Lakes appear to have been an exception. It has been suggested by Jenness and Hodge (see Bibliography) that the Tagish were originally an Athapaskan speaking people who later adopted the language of neighbouring Alaskan Coast Tlingits which they now speak. Jenness indicates that this resulted from complete dominance by the Coast Tlingits during the fur trading era.

Culture Areas

Altogether six major culture areas may be recognized insofar as the Indians of Canada are concerned. Each of these already has been referred to but are summarized here as follows:

Culture Area	Location	Principal Cultural Characteristics	Linguistic Groups Involved
Algonkian	Eastern and Central Woodlands	Dependency on game, fish and wild fruits with consequent migratory life. Highly developed modes of transportation — canoes, snowshoes, toboggans. Portable dwellings ("wigwams"). Extensive use of birch bark, skin clothing and fur robes. Bands in northern (subarctic) area small with little political unity between and leaders chosen according to tasks at hand. Size of bands, political unity, and institutionalization of leadership greater among bands in southern areas.	Algonkian
Iroquoian	Southeastern Ontario	Dependency on agriculture e.g. corn, beans, squash, tobacco, etc. Permanent villages. Long bark houses. Pottery. Deer skin garments, fur robes. Highly developed political systems. Religious societies.	Iroquoian
Mackenzie River	Mackenzie River System and woodlands north of Churchill River	Dependency on caribou, moose, hare, fish and berries. Caribou or moose skin clothing. Migratory life. Spruce bark canoes, snowshoes. Summer tents, winter rectangular huts of bark or logs. Political unity lacking between bands. Temporary leaders. Guardian spirit concept.	Athapaskan
Plains	Canadian Prairies	Economy based on prairie buffalo. Adoption of horse. Use of "travois". Highly mobile existence, skin clothing, buffalo robes. Skin tents ("tipis"). Feathered head-dress. Military societies. Visions induced by fasting and accompanying appearance of spirit guardians. Spirit bundles. Political unity between bands seasonal and focused on warfare and the hunt.	Algonkian Athapaskan Siouan

Culture Areas

Culture Area	Location	Principal Cultural Characteristics	Linguistic Groups Involved
Plateau	Interior Plateau of British Columbia and Yukon.	Fishing, hunting and gathering economy. Migrating salmon caught in wicker cage traps or dip nets. Use of edible roots and berries. Skin clothing, fur robes. Variety of dwellings including skin and rush tents, semi-subterranean houses, rectangular log and bark huts. Spruce root baskets, rush mats. Tendency to adopt social organization of Pacific Coast culture in western part of area but otherwise little formality in social, political and economic relationships. Guardian spirit concept.	Salishan Athapaskan Tlingit (Tagish) Kootenayan ¹
Pacific Coast	Coast of British Columbia	Reliance on sea foods including salmon and other fish, sea mammals, shell fish, seaweeds. Extensive use of cedar trees for dugout canoes, plank houses, cedar bark clothing, wooden trays, and wooden boxes. Goat or dog wool blankets. Highly developed trade with interior Indians and between coastal bands. Stratified society. Advanced sculpture and artistic carving. Totem poles. Winter ceremonies. Potlatch.	Tsimshian Haida Salishan Wakashan

¹ The Kootenayans originally lived on the prairies but were driven into the mountainous area of southeastern British Columbia by hostile Indians. When first encountered by the early fur traders their culture was still partly oriented to the Plains although they had been forced to adjust economically to their new environment.

Table of Indian Bands

Today the Indians of Canada are grouped according to bands, each of which is a separate community occupying one or more reserves of land set aside for its use and benefit by the Canadian Government. Generally speaking, these bands derive from the original village or band units living in the culture areas previously noted. Members of the same band, therefore, usually share a common linguistic and cultural background. Exceptions sometimes occur where two or more of the traditional bands units have grouped together for various reasons. For example, it was the habit of certain bands speaking different languages to camp in the vicinity of French or English trading posts. These camping grounds often became the principal home of the bands concerned who gradually amalgamated as one band. In other cases, bands depleted in population were amalgamated by the Government for administrative purposes. Displacement and redistribution of population caused by Indian wars sometimes led to the regrouping of bands on the basis of alliances.

The following table lists the Indians of Canada according to the name of the band and provinces in which they are found and indicates their population (as of January 1, 1970), the linguistic groups to which they belong, their native languages or dialects and the culture areas with which they are historically associated. It should be kept in mind, however, that many Indians no longer speak their traditional languages and that much of traditional Indian culture has all but disappeared.

Maritimes

Band	Population	Linguistic ¹ Group	Language ¹ or Dialect	Culture ¹ Area
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND				
Lennox Island	435	Algonkian	Micmac	Algonkian
NOVA SCOTIA				
Acadia	271	Algonkian	Micmac	Algonkian
Afton	201	Algonkian	Micmac	Algonkian
Annapolis Valley	147	Algonkian	Micmac	Algonkian
Bear River	113	Algonkian	Micmac	Algonkian
Chapel Island	197	Algonkian	Micmac	Algonkian
Eskasoni	1,348	Algonkian	Micmac	Algonkian
Middle River	274	Algonkian	Micmac	Algonkian
Pictou Landing	242	Algonkian	Micmac	Algonkian
Shubenacadie	798	Algonkian	Micmac	Algonkian
Sydney (Membertou)	331	Algonkian	Micmac	Algonkian
Truro	298	Algonkian	Micmac	Algonkian
Whycocomagh	292	Algonkian	Micmac	Algonkian
NEW BRUNSWICK				
Big Cove	1,081	Algonkian	Micmac	Algonkian
Buctouche	16	Algonkian	Micmac	Algonkian
Burnt Church	608	Algonkian	Micmac	Algonkian
Edmundston	56	Algonkian	Malecite	Algonkian
Eel Ground	322	Algonkian	Micmac	Algonkian
Eel River	210	Algonkian	Micmac	Algonkian
Fort Folly	30	Algonkian	Micmac	Algonkian
Indian Island	62	Algonkian	Micmac	Algonkian
Kingsclear	273	Algonkian	Malecite	Algonkian
Oromocto	100	Algonkian	Malecite	Algonkian
Pabineau	48	Algonkian	Micmac	Algonkian
Red Bank	204	Algonkian	Micmac	Algonkian
St. Mary's	375	Algonkian	Malecite	Algonkian
Tobique	605	Algonkian	Malecite	Algonkian
Woodstock	242	Algonkian	Malecite	Algonkian



Maritimes

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	HAIDA		TLINGIT
	IROQUOIAN		TSIMSHIAN
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MAJOR LINGUISTIC GROUPS AND RELATED LANGUAGES

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Al - Algonkin	Ca - Carrier	
Bl - Blackfoot	Chl - Chilcotin	
Cr - Cree	Ch - Chipewyan	IROQUOIAN
Del - Delaware	Dr - Dogrib	Ir - Iroquois
Mal - Malecite	Hr - Hare	Hu - Huron
Mic - Micmac	Kut - Kutchin	
Mo - Montagnais	Lo - Loucheux	KOOTENAYAN
Nas - Naskapi	Na - Nahani	Ko - Kootenay
Oj - Ojibway	Sa - Sarcee	
Ott - Ottawa	Sek - Sekani	
Pot - Potawatomi	Sl - Slave	
Ac - Acadia	Ta - Tahltan	
Sau - Saulteaux	Ye - Yellowknife	
SALISHAN	SIOUAN	WAKASHAN
Bc - Bella Coola	Ass - Assiniboine	Hal - Haisla
Cox - Comox	Si - Sioux	He - Heiltsuk
Co - Cowichan		Kw - Kwakiutl
Li - Lillooet	TLINGIT	Noo - Nootka
Nt - Ntlakypamuk	Tag - Tagish	
Ok - Okanagan		
Pu - Puntlatch	TSIMSHIAN	
See - Seechelt	Gi - Gitksan	
Se - Semiahmoo	Nis - Niska	
Sh - Shuswap	Ts - Tsimshian	
So - Songish		
Sq - Squamish		

NOTE: Migrations which have occurred since time of initial contact have resulted in bands of different linguistic affiliations settling in regions traditionally occupied by others.

Names of bands appearing on face of map are contemporary names. Appearing in brackets beside each name is the abbreviated key to their language affiliation.



Quebec

Band	Population	Linguistic Group	Language or Dialect	Culture Area
Abenakis of Becancour ²	42	Algonkian	Abenakis	Algonkian
Abitibi Dominion	315	Algonkian	Ojibway and Cree	Algonkian
Abitibi (Ontario)	58	Algonkian	Ojibway and Cree	Algonkian
Argonaut	2	Algonkian	Algonkin	Algonkian
Barriere Lake	214	Algonkian	Algonkin	Algonkian
Bersimis	1,544	Algonkian	Montagnais	Algonkian
Eastmain	257	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Fort Chimo	320	Algonkian	Naskapi	Algonkian
Fort George	1,233	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Gaspe	83	Algonkian	Micmac	Algonkian
Grand Lac Victoria	192	Algonkian	Algonkin	Algonkian
Great Whale River	306	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Hurons of Lorette ²	1,041	Iroquoian	Huron	Iroquoian
Iroquois of Caughnawaga ¹	4,515	Iroquoian	Mohawk	Iroquoian
Kipawa	111	Algonkian	Algonkin	Algonkian
Lac Simon	371	Algonkian	Algonkin	Algonkian
Long Point	269	Algonkian	Algonkin	Algonkian
Manowan	717	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Micmacs of Maria	375	Algonkian	Micmac	Algonkian
Mingan	238	Algonkian	Montagnais	Algonkian
Mistassini	1,357	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Montagnais of Escoumains	106	Algonkian	Montagnais	Algonkian
Montagnais of Lake St. John	1,544	Algonkian	Montagnais	Algonkian
Natashquan	326	Algonkian	Montagnais	Algonkian
Nemaska	173	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Obedjiwan	805	Algonkian	Algonkin	Algonkian
Odanak	585	Algonkian	Abenakis	Algonkian
Oka ¹	777	Iroquoian	Mohawk	Iroquoian
Old Factory	527	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Restigouche	1,356	Algonkian	Micmac	Algonkian
River Desert	946	Algonkian	Algonkin	Algonkian
Romaine	497	Algonkian	Montagnais	Algonkian
Rupert House	829	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Sept-Îles	1,510	Algonkian	Montagnais	Algonkian
Timiskaming	384	Algonkian	Algonkin	Algonkian
Viger	93	Algonkian	Malecite	Algonkian
Waswanipi	609	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Weymontachie	432	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Wolfe Lake	58	Algonkian	Algonkin	Algonkian

¹ In 1670, a number of individual Iroquois, converted by French priests, left their homeland in what is now New York State to live near Montreal. Their descendants now live at Caughnawaga, St. Regis, Oka, and Gibson.

² The Hurons of Lorette and the Abenakis of Becancour are all French-speaking today.



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Ontario

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Albany	1,346	Algonkian	Ojibway ¹ and Cree	Algonkian
Alderville	211	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Attawapiskat	1,040	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Batchewana	401	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Beausoleil	570	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Big Grassy	212	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Big Island	163	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Brunswick House	198	Algonkian	Ojibway and Cree	Algonkian
Caldwell ⁵	74	Algonkian	Potawatomi ²	Algonkian
Cape Croker	758	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Caribou Lake	404	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Chapleau Cree	37	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Chapleau Ojibway	13	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Chippewas of Georgina Island	195	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point	721	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Chippewas of Rama	489	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Chippewas of Sarnia	641	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Chippewas of the Thames	939	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Cockburn Island	33	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Constance Lake	438	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Couchiching	585	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Curve Lake	632	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Dalles	89	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Deer Lake	1,430	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Dokis	209	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Eagle Lake	146	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Flying Post	42	Algonkian	Ojibway and Cree	Algonkian
Fort Hope	1,426	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Fort Severn	236	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Fort William	410	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian

Ontario

Band	Population	Linguistic Group	Language or Dialect	Culture Area
Garden River	604	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Gibson ²	206	Iroquoian	Mohawk	Iroquoian
Golden Lake	475	Algonkian	Algonkin	Algonkian
Grassy Narrows	485	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Gull Bay	368	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Henvey Inlet	165	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Hiawatha	121	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Iroquois of St. Regis ²	2,963	Iroquoian	Mohawk	Iroquoian
Islington	622	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Lac Des Mille Lacs	71	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Lac La Croix	161	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Lac Seul	1,153	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Long Lake No. 58	584	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Long Lake No. 77	289	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Magnetawan	52	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Magnettawan	3	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Martin Falls	237	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Matachewan	130	Algonkian	Ojibway and Cree	Algonkian
Mattagami	139	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Michipicoten	154	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Missanabie Cree	62	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Mississauga	284	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Mississaugas of the Credit	546	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte ¹	2,111	Iroquoian	Mohawk	Iroquoian
Moose Deer Point	128	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Moose Factory	1,055	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Moravian of the Thames	423	Algonkian	Delaware	Algonkian
Munceys of the Thames ³	187	Algonkian	Delaware	Algonkian
Naicatchewenin	145	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
New Post	48	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Nickkousemenecaning	72	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian

Ontario

Band	Population	Linguistic Group	Language or Dialect	Culture Area
Nipigon	58	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Nipissing	511	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Northwest Angle No. 33	158	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Northwest Angle No. 37	85	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Oneidas of the Thames ⁴	2,011	Iroquoian	Oneida	Iroquoian
Osnaburgh	901	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Parry Island	347	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Pays Plat	23	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Pic Heron Bay	336	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Pic Mobert	301	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Pikangikum	764	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Rainy River	365	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Rat Portage	310	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Red Rock	254	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Rocky Bay	202	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Sabaskong	229	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Sandpoint	29	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Saugeen	737	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Scugog	59	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Seine River	331	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Serpent River	337	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Shawanaga	118	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Sheguiandah	91	Algonkian	Ojibway and Ottawa	Algonkian
Sheshegwaning	148	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Shoal Lake No. 39	187	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Shoal Lake No. 40	220	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Six Nations of the Grand River Band ¹	8,680	Iroquoian	Mohawk Oneida Onondaga Cayuga Seneca Tuscarora	Iroquoian

Ontario

Band	Population	Linguistic Group	Language or Dialect	Culture Area
Spanish River No. 1	776	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Spanish River No. 2	86	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Spanish River No. 3	12	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Spanish River No. 4	17	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Stangecoming	23	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Sucker Creek	180	Algonkian	Ojibway and Ottawa	Algonkian
Thessalon	89	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Timagami	160	Algonkian	Ojibway and Cree	Algonkian
Trout Lake	1,945	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Wabauskang	67	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Wabigoon	129	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Wahnapiatae	17	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Walpole Island ⁵	1,577	Algonkian	Ojibway and Potawatomi	Algonkian
Weenusk	211	Algonkian	Ojibway and Cree	Algonkian
West Bay	812	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Whitefish Bay	363	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Whitefish Lake	209	Algonkian	Ojibway and Ottawa	Algonkian
Whitefish River	312	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Whitesand	265	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Wikwemikong	2,786	Algonkian	Ojibway and Ottawa	Algonkian

¹ Six Nations and Tyendinaga Reserves were granted after the American Revolution to Iroquois who had supported the British and left their territories in New York State. The former was settled by Joseph Brant and his followers while a number of Mohawks under John Deseronto settled at the latter. The Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte are all English-speaking today.

² In 1670, a number of individual Iroquois, converted by French priests, left their homeland in what is now New York State to live near Montreal. Their descendants now live at Caughnawaga, St. Regis, Oka, and Gibson.

³ Settlement in Canada of this band was in 1793 when a group of Munceys, a principal segment of the old Delaware (Lenni Lenape) Confederacy was driven from its settlement in Ohio and settled along the Thames River.

⁴ This band crossed into Canada in 1849 and settled across the Thames River from Munceytown on 5,400 acres purchased with money which they brought from the United States. See also footnote 2.

⁵ The Potawatomi entered Canada shortly after 1841, when they were removed by military force from their homes in Indiana. (Hodge, Handbook of American Indians). They now live on Walpole Island Reserve and Caldwell Settlement.



Ontario

LEGEND MAJOR LINGUISTIC GROUPS

TRADITIONAL
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	HAIDA		TLINGIT
	IROQUOIAN		TSIMSHIAN
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Ott - Ottawa	Sek - Sekani	
Pot - Potawatomi	Sl - Slave	
Ac - Acadia	Ta - Tahltan	
Sau - Saulteaux	Ye - Yellowknife	
SALISHAN	SIOUAN	WAKASHAN
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Cox - Comox	Si - Sioux	He - Heiltsuk
Co - Cowichan		Kw - Kwakiutl
Li - Lillooet	TLINGIT	Noo - Nootka
Nt - Ntlakyapamuk	Tag - Tagish	
Ok - Okanagan		
Pu - Puntlatch	TSIMSHIAN	
See - Sechelt	Gi - Gitksan	
Se - Semiahmoo	Nis - Niska	
Sh - Shuswap	Ts - Tsimshian	
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Manitoba

Band	Population	Linguistic Group	Language or Dialect	Culture Area
Barren Lands	505	Athapaskan	Chipewyan	Mackenzie R.
Berens River	719	Algonkian	Ojibway ¹	Algonkian
Birdtail Sioux	187	Siouan	Dakota ²	Plains
Bloodvein	339	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Brokenhead	434	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Buffalo Point	25	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Chemahawin	337	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Churchill	346	Athapaskan	Chipewyan	Mackenzie R.
Crane River	154	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Cross Lake	1,634	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Ebb and Flow	468	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Fairford	720	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Fisher River	1,065	Algonkian	Ojibway and Cree	Algonkian
Fort Alexander	2,023	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Fox Lake	197	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Gamblers	28	Algonkian	Ojibway	Plains
Garden Hill	1,265	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
God's Lake	1,041	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Grand Rapids	273	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Hollow Water	358	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Jackhead	256	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Keeseekowenin	302	Algonkian	Ojibway	Plains
Lake Manitoba	479	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Lake St. Martin	581	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Little Black River	194	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Little Grand Rapids	733	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Little Saskatchewan	323	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Long Plain	775	Algonkian	Ojibway	Plains
Long Plain Sioux	224	Siouan	Dakota	Plains
Mathias Colomb	908	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Moose Lake	264	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Nelson House	1,448	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Norway House	1,934	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Oak Lake	272	Siouan	Dakota	Plains
Oak River Sioux	899	Siouan	Dakota	Plains
Oxford House	810	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian

Manitoba

Band	Population	Linguistic Group	Language or Dialect	Culture Area
Peguis	2,060	Algonkian	Ojibway and Cree	Algonkian
Pine Creek	549	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Poplar River	392	Algonkian	Cree and Ojibway	Algonkian
Red Sucker Lake	235	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Rolling River	309	Algonkian	Ojibway	Plains
Roseau River	725	Algonkian	Ojibway	Plains
St. Theresa Point	913	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Sandy Bay	1,348	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Shamatawa	430	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Shoal River	502	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Split Lake	866	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Swan Lake	454	Algonkian	Ojibway	Plains
The Pas	999	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Valley River	369	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Wasagamack	381	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Waterhen	295	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Waywayseecappo	706	Algonkian	Ojibway	Plains
York Factory	331	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian

¹ The Ojibway Indians in Manitoba and the other western provinces are also known as "Saulteaux". Some Ojibway Bands migrated as far west as the Peace River country in British Columbia seeking new sources of beaver for the fur trade. Others settled on the Prairies adopting the plains culture.

² The designation "Sioux" is a loose term for the languages or dialects spoken today by the descendants of Siouan refugees who entered Canada following the Minnesota (1862) and Custer (1876) massacres in the United States.



Manitoba

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	HAIDA		TLINGIT
	IROQUOIAN		TSIMSHIAN
	KOOTENAYAN		WAKASHAN

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Cox - Comox	Si - Sioux	He - Heiltsuk
Co - Cowichan		Kw - Kwakiutl
Li - Lillooet	TLINGIT	Noo - Nootka
Nt - Ntlakyapamuk	Tag - Tagish	
Ok - Okanagan		
Pu - Puntlatch	TSIMSHIAN	
See - Sechelt		
Se - Semiahmoo	Gi - Gitksan	
Sh - Shuswap	Nis - Niska	
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Saskatchewan

Band	Population	Linguistic Group	Language or Dialect	Culture Area
Beardy's and Okemasis	824	Algonkian	Cree	Plains ¹
Big River	784	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
Canoe Lake	346	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Carry the Kettle	734	Siouan	Assiniboine and Dakota	Plains
Côte	1,124	Algonkian	Ojibway	Plains
Cowessess	1,024	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
Cumberland House	202	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Day Star	211	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
English River	374	Athapaskan	Chipewyan	Mackenzie R.
Fishing Lake	487	Algonkian	Ojibway	Plains
Fond du Lac	552	Athapaskan	Chipewyan	Mackenzie R.
Gordon	879	Algonkian	Ojibway and Cree	Plains
Island Lake	312	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
James Smith	991	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
John Smith	412	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
Joseph Bighead	248	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
Kahewistahaw	478	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
Keeseekoosew	661	Algonkian	Ojibway	Plains
Key	340	Algonkian	Ojibway	Plains
Kinistino	292	Algonkian	Ojibway	Plains
Lac la Hache	232	Athapaskan	Chipewyan	Mackenzie R.
Lac la Ronge	2,009	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Little Black Bear	157	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
Little Pine	562	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
Loon Lake	382	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
Lucky Man	38	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
Maple Creek	122	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
Meadow Lake	246	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
Mistawasis	637	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
Montreal Lake	936	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Moose Woods	148	Siouan	Sioux	Plains
Moosomin	458	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
Mosquito-Grizzly Bear's Head	387	Siouan	Assiniboine	Plains
Muscowekwan	485	Algonkian	Ojibway	Plains
Muskeg Lake	472	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
Muscowpetung	414	Algonkian	Ojibway and Cree	Plains

¹ Those bands in Saskatchewan and Alberta living near the edge of the Prairies adopted many of the traits of the Plains culture and are, therefore, listed as Plains Indians.

Saskatchewan

Band	Population	Linguistic Group	Language or Dialect	Culture Area
Nut Lake	822	Algonkian	Ojibway	Plains
Ochapowace	432	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
Okanese	157	Algonkian	Cree and Ojibway	Plains
One Arrow	410	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
Onion Lake	1,138	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
Pasqua	512	Algonkian	Ojibway and Cree	Plains
Pelican Lake	290	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
Peepeekisis	738	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
Peter Ballantyne	1,537	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Peter Pond Lake	448	Athapaskan	Chipewyan	Mackenzie R.
Piapot	624	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
Poorman	775	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
Portage la Loche	249	Athapaskan	Chipewyan	Mackenzie R.
Poundmaker	469	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
Red Earth	392	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Red Pheasant	535	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
Sakimay	498	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
Sandy Lake	891	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
Saulteaux	340	Algonkian	Ojibway	Plains
Shoal Lake	193	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Sioux Wahpaton	84	Siouan	Dakota	Plains
Standing Buffalo	514	Siouan	Dakota	Plains
Star Blanket	151	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
Stony Rapids	477	Athapaskan	Chipewyan	Mackenzie R.
Sturgeon Lake	687	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Sweet Grass	509	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
Thunderchild	696	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
Waterhen Lake	487	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Whitebear	916	Algonkian and Siouan	Cree, Ojibway and Assiniboine	Plains
Witchehan Lake	147	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
Wood Mountain	70	Siouan	Dakota	Plains



Saskatchewan

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Alberta

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Alexander	496	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
Alexis	490	Siouan	Dakota ¹	Plains
Beaver Lake	199	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
Beaver of Horse Lakes and Clear Hills	106	Athapaskan	Beaver	Mackenzie R.
Blackfoot	2,355	Algonkian	Blackfoot	Plains
Blood	4,262	Algonkian	Blackfoot	Plains
Boyer River	265	Athapaskan	Beaver	Mackenzie R.
Cold Lake	841	Athapaskan and Algonkian	Chipewyan and Cree	Plains
Cree	726	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Driftpile	492	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Duncan's	44	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Enoch	470	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
Ermineskin	1,004	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
Fort Chipewyan (Chipewyan)	242	Athapaskan	Chipewyan	Mackenzie R.
Fort McKay	173	Athapaskan	Chipewyan	Mackenzie R.
Fort McMurray	91	Algonkian and Athapaskan	Cree and Chipewyan	Algonkian
Fort Vermilion (Tallcree)	202	Algonkian	Cree	Mackenzie R.
Frog Lake	583	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Grouard	48	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
Heart Lake	70	Athapaskan	Cree	Algonkian
Janvier	178	Athapaskan	Beaver	Plains
Kehewin	473	Athapaskan	Chipewyan	Plains
Little Red River	865	Algonkian	Cree	Mackenzie R.
Louis Bull	436	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
Lubican Lake	52	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Montana	250	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
O'Chiese	310	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
Paul	575	Siouan and Algonkian	Cree	Plains
Peigan	1,413	Algonkian	Dakota ¹ and Cree	Plains
Saddle Lake	2,459	Algonkian	Blackfoot	Algonkian
Samson	1,797	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
Sarcee	467	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
Sawridge	39	Athapaskan	Sarcee	Plains
Slaves of Upper Hay River	1,011	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Stony (Bears paw)		Athapaskan	Slave	Mackenzie R.
Stony (Chiniquay)	1,610			
Stony (Wesley)		Siouan	Dakota ¹	Plains
Sturgeon Lake	621	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Sucker Creek	457	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Sunchild Cree	288	Algonkian	Cree	Plains
Swan River	137	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Wabasca (Bigstone)	1,291	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian
Whitefish Lake	445	Algonkian	Cree	Algonkian

¹ Assiniboine dialect — The Assiniboine commonly referred to in Alberta as "Stony".



Alberta

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Pu - Puntlatch	TSIMSHIAN	
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British Columbia

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Adams Lake	346	Salishan	Shuswap	Plateau
Ahousaht	707	Wakashan	Nootka	Pacific Coast
Aitchelitz	6	Salishan	Cowichan	Pacific Coast
Alexandria	52	Athapaskan	Chilcotin	Plateau
Alexis Creek	311	Athapaskan	Chilcotin	Plateau
Alkali Lake	285	Salishan	Shuswap	Plateau
Anaham	606	Athapaskan	Chilcotin	Plateau
Anderson Lake	114	Salishan	Lillooet	Plateau
Ashcroft	72	Salishan	Shuswap	Plateau
Beecher Bay	86	Salishan	Songish	Pacific Coast
Bella Bella	1,103	Wakashan	Kwakiutl ¹	Pacific Coast
Bella Coola	597	Salishan	Bella Coola	Pacific Coast
Bonaparte	320	Salishan	Shuswap	Plateau
Boothroyd	132	Salishan	Ntlakyapamuk	Plateau
Boston Bar	86	Salishan	Ntlakyapamuk	Plateau
Bridge River	151	Salishan	Lillooet	Plateau
Burns Lake	28	Athapaskan	Carrier	Plateau
Burrard	143	Salishan	Squamish	Pacific Coast
Campbell River	167	Wakashan	Kwakiutl	Pacific Coast
Canim Lake	270	Salishan	Shuswap	Plateau
Canoe Creek	266	Salishan	Shuswap	Plateau
Canyon City	136	Tsimshian	Niska	Pacific Coast
Cape Mudge	305	Wakashan	Kwakiutl	Pacific Coast
Cayoose Creek	70	Salishan	Lillooet	Plateau
Cheam	132	Salishan	Cowichan	Pacific Coast
Chehalis	386	Salishan	Cowichan	Pacific Coast
Chemainus	438	Salishan	Cowichan ³	Pacific Coast
Cheslatta	123	Athapaskan	Carrier	Plateau
Clayoquot	355	Wakashan	Nootka	Pacific Coast
Clinton	26	Salishan	Shuswap	Plateau
Coldwater	274	Salishan	Ntlakyapamuk	Plateau
Columbia Lake	139	Kootenayan	Kootenay	Plateau
Comox	85	Salishan	Comox	Pacific Coast
Cook's Ferry	123	Salishan	Ntlakyapamuk	Plateau
Coquitlam	22	Salishan	Cowichan	Pacific Coast
Cowichan	1,448	Salishan	Cowichan	Pacific Coast
Cowichan Lake	6	Wakashan	Nootka	Pacific Coast

British Columbia

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Deadman's Creek	232	Salishan	Shuswap	Plateau
Douglas	105	Salishan	Lillooet	Plateau
Ehattesaht	94	Wakashan	Nootka	Pacific Coast
Esquimalt	66	Salishan	Songish	Pacific Coast
Finlay River	278	Athapaskan	Sekani	Mackenzie R.
Fort George	78	Athapaskan	Carrier	Plateau
Fort Nelson	334	Athapaskan	Slave	Mackenzie R.
Fort St. John	197	Athapaskan	Beaver	Mackenzie R.
Fountain	439	Salishan	Lillooet	Plateau
Fraser Lake	169	Athapaskan	Carrier	Plateau
Gilford Island	198	Wakashan	Kwatiutl	Pacific Coast
Gitlakdamix	755	Tsimshian	Niska	Pacific Coast
Glen Vowell	159	Tsimshian	Gitksan	Pacific Coast
Greenville	652	Tsimshian	Niska	Pacific Coast
Hagwilget	187	Tsimshian	Gitksan	Pacific Coast
Halalt	106	Salishan	Cowichan	Pacific Coast
Hartley Bay	326	Tsimshian	Tsimshian	Pacific Coast
Hazelton	697	Tsimshian	Gitksan	Pacific Coast
Hesquiaht	276	Wakashan	Nootka	Pacific Coast
High Bar	9	Salishan	Shuswap	Plateau
Homalco	233	Salishan	Comox	Pacific Coast
Hope	133	Salishan	Cowichan	Pacific Coast
Hudson Hope	151	Athapaskan	Beaver	Mackenzie R.
Kamloops	346	Salishan	Shuswap	Plateau
Kanaka Bar	67	Salishan	Ntlakyapamuk	Plateau
Katzie	168	Salishan	Cowichan	Pacific Coast
Kincolith	821	Tsimshian	Niska	Pacific Coast
Kispaiox	518	Tsimshian	Gitksan	Pacific Coast
Kitamaat ¹	848	Wakashan	Kwakiutl ¹	Pacific Coast
Kitasoo	277	Tsimshian	Tsimshian	Pacific Coast
Kitkatla	703	Tsimshian	Tsimshian	Pacific Coast
Kitsegukla	367	Tsimshian	Gitksan	Pacific Coast
Kitselas	85	Tsimshian	Tsimshian	Pacific Coast
Kitsumkalum	102	Tsimshian	Tsimshian	Pacific Coast
Kitwancool	234	Tsimshian	Gitksan	Pacific Coast
Kitwanga	341	Tsimshian	Gitksan	Pacific Coast
Klahoose	86	Salishan	Comox	Pacific Coast

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Band	Population	Linguistic Group	Language or Dialect	Culture Area
Kluskus	108	Athapaskan	Carrier	Plateau
Kwawkewlth	460	Wakashan	Kwakiutl	Pacific Coast
Kwaw-kwaw-a-pilt	9	Salishan	Cowichan	Pacific Coast
Kwawwaineuk	12	Wakashan	Kwakiutl	Pacific Coast
Kwiakah	5	Wakashan	Kwakiutl	Pacific Coast
Kyuquot	206	Wakashan	Nootka	Pacific Coast
Lakahahmen	94	Salishan	Cowichan	Pacific Coast
Lake Babine	879	Athapaskan	Carrier	Plateau
Langley	70	Salishan	Cowichan	Pacific Coast
Lillooet	83	Salishan	Lillooet	Plateau
Little Shuswap Lake	175	Salishan	Shuswap	Plateau
Lower Kootenay	76	Kootenayan	Kootenay	Plateau
Lower Nicola	381	Salishan	Ntlakyapamuk	Plateau
Lower Similkameen	194	Salishan	Okanagan	Plateau
Lyackson	82	Salishan	Cowichan	Pacific Coast
Lytton	895	Salishan	Ntlakyapamuk	Plateau
Malahat	110	Salishan	Cowichan	Pacific Coast
Mamallilikulla	142	Wakashan	Kwakiutl	Pacific Coast
Masset	1,015	Haida	Haida	Pacific Coast
Matsqui	48	Salishan	Cowichan	Pacific Coast
McLeod Lake	172	Athapaskan	Sekani	Mackenzie R.
Metlakatla	185	Tsimshian	Tsimshian	Pacific Coast
Moricietown	584	Athapaskan	Carrier	Plateau
Mount Currie (Pemberton)	903	Salishan	Lillooet	Plateau
Musqueam	364	Salishan	Cowichan	Pacific Coast
Nanaimo	525	Salishan	Cowichan	Pacific Coast
Nanoose	86	Salishan	Cowichan	Pacific Coast
Nazko	141	Athapaskan	Carrier	Plateau
Necoslie	534	Athapaskan	Carrier	Plateau
Nemiah Valley	193	Athapaskan	Chilcotin	Plateau
Neskainlith	281	Salishan	Shuswap	Plateau
New Westminster	2	Salishan	Cowichan	Pacific Coast
Nicomien	41	Salishan	Ntlakyapamuk	Plateau
Nimkish	794	Wakashan	Kwakiutl	Pacific Coast
Nitinaht	232	Wakashan	Nootka	Pacific Coast
Nooaitch	88	Salishan	Ntlakyapamuk	Plateau
Nootka	232	Wakashan	Nootka	Pacific Coast
North Thompson	269	Salishan	Shuswap	Plateau

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Band	Population	Linguistic Group	Language or Dialect	Culture Area
Nuchatlaht	84	Wakashan	Nootka	Pacific Coast
Nuwitti	17	Wakashan	Kwakiutl	Pacific Coast
Ohamil	48	Salishan	Cowichan	Pacific Coast
Ohiaht	224	Wakashan	Nootka	Pacific Coast
Okanagan	679	Salishan	Okanagan	Plateau
Omineca	158	Athapaskan	Carrier	Plateau
Opetchesah	92	Wakashan	Nootka	Pacific Coast
Oregon Jack Creek	18	Salishan	Ntlakyapamuk ¹	Plateau
Osoyoos	163	Salishan	Okanagan	Plateau
Oweekano	142	Wakashan	Kwakiutl ²	Pacific Coast
Pacheenaht	133	Wakashan	Nootka	Pacific Coast
Pavilion	175	Salishan	Shuswap	Plateau
Pauquachin	138	Salishan	Songish	Pacific Coast
Penelakut	373	Salishan	Cowichan	Pacific Coast
Penticton	300	Salishan	Okanagan	Plateau
Peters	34	Salishan	Cowichan	Pacific Coast
Popkum	9	Salishan	Cowichan	Pacific Coast
Port Simpson	1,185	Tsimshian	Tsimshian	Pacific Coast
Qualicum	42	Salishan	Puntlatch	Pacific Coast
Quatsino	102	Wakashan	Kwakiutl	Pacific Coast
Quesnel	28	Athapaskan	Carrier	Plateau
Samahquam	124	Salishan	Lillooet	Plateau
Saulteaux	152	Algonkian	Ojibway	Algonkian
Scowlitz	138	Salishan	Cowichan	Pacific Coast
Seabird Island	302	Salishan	Cowichan	Pacific Coast
Sechelt	471	Salishan	Sechelt	Pacific Coast
Semiahmoo	24	Salishan	Semiahmoo	Pacific Coast
Seton Lake	316	Salishan	Lillooet	Plateau
Shackan	68	Salishan	Ntlakyapamuk	Plateau
Sheshaht	346	Wakashan	Nootka	Pacific Coast
Shuswap	129	Salishan	Shuswap	Plateau
Siska	112	Salishan	Ntlakyapamuk	Plateau
Skawahlook	35	Salishan	Cowichan	Pacific Coast
Skidegate	352	Haida	Haida	Pacific Coast
Skookum Chuck	189	Salishan	Lillooet	Plateau
Skulkayn	53	Salishan	Cowichan	Pacific Coast
Skuppah	20	Salishan	Ntlakyapamuk	Plateau
Skwah	192	Salishan	Cowichan	Pacific Coast

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Band	Population	Linguistic Group	Language or Dialect	Culture Area
Skway	41	Salishan	Cowichan	Pacific Coast
Sliammon	424	Salishan	Comox	Pacific Coast
Soda Creek	128	Salishan	Shuswap	Plateau
Songhees	139	Salishan	Songish	Pacific Coast
Sooke	40	Salishan	Songish	Pacific Coast
Soowahlie	132	Salishan	Cowichan	Pacific Coast
Spallumcheen	310	Salishan	Shuswap	Plateau
Spuzzum	43	Salishan	Ntlakyapamuk	Plateau
Squamish	1,089	Salishan	Squamish	Pacific Coast
Squiala	49	Salishan	Cowichan	Pacific Coast
St. Mary's	165	Kootenayan	Kootenay	Plateau
Stellaquo	158	Athapaskan	Carrier	Plateau
Stone	146	Athapaskan	Chilcotin	Plateau
Stony Creek	387	Athapaskan	Carrier	Plateau
Stuart-Trembleur Lake	617	Athapaskan	Carrier	Plateau
Sumas	91	Salishan	Cowichan	Pacific Coast
Takla Lake	264	Athapaskan	Carrier	Plateau
Tanakteuk	97	Wakashan	Kwakiutl	Pacific Coast
Tobacco Plains	66	Kootenayan	Kootenay	Plateau
Toosey	93	Athapaskan	Chilcotin	Plateau
Toquaht	70	Wakashan	Nootka	Pacific Coast
Tsartlip	347	Salishan	Songish	Pacific Coast
Tsawataineuk	278	Wakashan	Kwakiutl	Pacific Coast
Tsawout	251	Salishan	Songish	Pacific Coast
Tsawwassen	53	Salishan	Cowichan	Pacific Coast
Tseycum	66	Salishan	Songish	Pacific Coast
Turnour Island	138	Wakashan	Kwakiutl	Pacific Coast
Tzeachten	115	Salishan	Cowichan	Pacific Coast
Uchucklesaht	77	Wakashan	Nootka	Pacific Coast
Ucluelet	275	Wakashan	Nootka	Pacific Coast
Ulkatcho	293	Athapaskan	Carrier	Plateau
Union Bar	41	Salishan	Cowichan	Pacific Coast
Upper Nicola	394	Salishan	Ntlakyapamuk	Plateau
Upper Similkameen	30	Salishan	Okanagan	Plateau
Westbank	167	Salishan	Okanagan	Plateau
Williams Lake	223	Salishan	Shuswap	Plateau
Yakwekwioose	34	Salishan	Cowichan	Pacific Coast
Yale	62	Salishan	Cowichan	Pacific Coast

¹ Haisla dialect.

² Heiltsuk dialect.

³ The economy of the Cowichan Bands in the upper reaches of the Fraser Valley was more closely akin to that of the interior Indians than of the coast Indians. On the other hand, their religious, ceremonial and social life had much in common with that of the other Cowichan Bands living by or near the sea. For this reason, they are included here in the Pacific Coast culture area.



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Band	Population	Linguistic Group	Language or Dialect	Culture Area
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES				
District of Mackenzie				
Aklavik	193	Athapaskan	Loucheux	Mackenzie R.
Arctic Red River	217	Athapaskan	Loucheux	Mackenzie R.
Dog Rib Rae	1,202	Athapaskan	Dog Rib	Mackenzie R.
Fitz/Smith	295	Athapaskan	Chipewyan	Mackenzie R.
Fort Franklin	360	Athapaskan	Hare	Mackenzie R.
Fort Good Hope	355	Athapaskan	Hare	Mackenzie R.
Fort Liard	321	Athapaskan	Slave	Mackenzie R.
Fort McPherson	610	Athapaskan	Loucheux	Mackenzie R.
Fort Norman (Hare 4)	164	Athapaskan	Slave	Mackenzie R.
Fort Providence	473	Athapaskan	Slave	Mackenzie R.
Fort Simpson	623	Athapaskan	Slave	Mackenzie R.
Fort Wrigley	169	Athapaskan	Slave	Mackenzie R.
Hay River	239	Athapaskan	Slave	Mackenzie R.
Resolution	309	Athapaskan	Chipewyan	Mackenzie R.
Snowdrift	251	Athapaskan	Chipewyan	Mackenzie R.
Yellowknife (B)	504	Athapaskan	Yellowknife	Mackenzie R.
YUKON TERRITORY				
Aishihik	67	Athapaskan	Kutchin	Plateau
Atlin-Teslin	199	Tlingit	Tagish	Plateau
Carcross	84	Tlingit	Tagish	Plateau
Carmacks	232	Athapaskan	Kutchin	Plateau
Champagne	115	Athapaskan	Kutchin	Plateau
Dawson	176	Athapaskan	Kutchin	Plateau
Kluane	95	Athapaskan	Kutchin	Plateau
Liard River	533	Athapaskan	Nahani	Mackenzie R.
Mayo	174	Athapaskan	Kutchin	Plateau
Old Crow	185	Athapaskan	Loucheux	Plateau
Ross River	135	Athapaskan	Nahani	Mackenzie R.
Selkirk	270	Athapaskan	Kutchin	Plateau
Tahltan	702	Athapaskan	Tahltan	Plateau
Teslin Lake	208	Tlingit	Tagish	Plateau
Whitehorse	444	Athapaskan	Nahani	Mackenzie R.



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LEGEND

MAJOR LINGUISTIC GROUPS

TRADITIONAL

These tints show groups at time of first contact with Europeans.

	ALGONKIAN		SALISHAN
	ATHAPASKAN		SIOUAN
	HAIDA		TLINGIT
	IROQUOIAN		TSIMSHIAN
	KOOTENAYAN		WAKASHAN

CONTEMPORARY

Location and population

0 to 99 100 to 399 400 to 699 700 to 1999
over 2000

MAJOR LINGUISTIC GROUPS AND RELATED LANGUAGES

ALGONKIAN

Ab - Abenakis
Al - Algonkin
Bl - Blackfoot
Cr - Cree
Del - Delaware
Mal - Malecite
Mic - Micmac
Mo - Montagnais
Nas - Naskapi
Oj - Ojibway
Ott - Ottawa
Pot - Potawatomi
Ac - Acadia
Sau - Saulteaux

ATHAPASKAN

Be - Beaver
Ca - Carrier
Chl - Chilcotin
Ch - Chipewyan
Dr - Dogrib
Hr - Hare
Kut - Kutchin
Lo - Loucheux
Na - Nahani
Sa - Sarcee
Sek - Sekani
Sl - Slave
Ta - Tahltan
Ye - Yellowknife

HAIDA

Ha - Haida

IROQUOIAN

Ir - Iroquois
Hu - Huron

KOOTENAYAN

Ko - Kootenay

SALISHAN

Bc - Bella Coola
Cox - Comox
Co - Cowichan
Li - Lillooet
Nt - Ntlakypamuk
Ok - Okanagan
Pu - Puntlatch
See - Seechelt
Se - Semiahmoo
Sh - Shuswap
So - Songish
Sq - Squamish

SIOUAN

Ass - Assiniboine
Si - Sioux

TLINGIT

Tag - Tagish

TSIMSHIAN

Gi - Gitksan
Nis - Niska
Ts - Tsimshian

WAKASHAN

Hal - Haisla
He - Heiltsuk
Kw - Kwakiutl
Noo - Nootka

NOTE: Migrations which have occurred since time of initial contact have resulted in bands of different linguistic affiliations settling in regions traditionally occupied by others.

Names of bands appearing on face of map are contemporary names. Appearing in brackets beside each name is the abbreviated key to their language affiliation.





Summary

Linguistic Group		Language or Dialect		Population Totals
Algonkian	12	Abenakis	627	153,594
		Algonkin	3,827	
		Blackfoot	8,030	
		Cree	70,403	
		Delaware	610	
		Malecite	1,744	
		Micmac	9,342	
		Montagnais	5,765	
		Naskapi	320	
		Ojibway	50,431	
		Ottawa	1,632	
		Potawatomi	863	
Athapaskan	14	Beaver	789	22,657
		Carrier	4,549	
		Chilcotin	1,401	
		Chipewyan	5,098	
		Dogrib	1,202	
		Hare	715	
		Kutchin	1,129	
		Loucheux	1,205	
		Nahani	1,112	
		Sarcee	467	
		Sekani	450	
		Slave	3,334	
		Tahltan	702	
		Yellowknife	504	
Haida	1	Haida	1,367	1,367
Iroquoian	2	Huron	1,041	22,304
		Iroquois	21,263	
Kootenayan	1	Kootenayan	446	446

Summary

Linguistic Group		Language or Dialect		Population Totals
Salishan	12	Bella Coola	597	20,989
		Comox	828	
		Cowichan	6,031	
		Lillooet	2,494	
		Ntlakyapamuk	2,742	
		Okanagan	1,533	
		Puntlatch	42	
		Secchelt	471	
		Semiahmoo	24	
		Shuswap	3,862	
		Songish	1,133	
		Squamish	1,232	
Siouan	2	Assiniboine	1,059	6,212
		Dakota	5,153	
Tlingit	1	Tagish	491	491
Tsimshian	3	Gitksan	2,503	7,730
		Niska	2,364	
		Tsimshian	2,863	
Wakashan	4	Haisla	848	8,217
		Heiltsuk	1,245	
		Kwakiutl	2,715	
		Nootka	3,409	
10	52	General List ¹		106
		GRAND TOTAL ²		244,113

¹ Indians who have no formal band affiliation are registered on the General List. No attempt has been made in this paper to identify these people with any linguistic or cultural groups.

² Grand Total based on Indian Registry Records and includes adoptions.

